Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew

(Continued…) Matthew's gospel addresses these issues in an anecdotal literary form. Matthew presents Jesus by having him do "Moses-like" things. Like Moses, he comes into Israel from Egypt to lead the people out of slavery. Like Moses, he goes up on a mount to give the people new rules of behavior (the Beatitudes). He is the Son of God who, like Moses, had miraculous powers (for Jesus, especially, to heal, cure, and forgive), and who brought hope to many people. Unlike Moses, he is also the Messiah who would be tortured and killed but who would rise from the dead and whose Spirit would continue to live in those who follow him. This Jewish Scribe gospel writer backs up what he says about Jesus by frequently quoting passages from the Hebrew Scriptures, passages that foretold the different things that would happen to the Messiah-things that did not always fit the image of the messiah that the people had.

This Synoptic Gospel is structured in such a way that the central theme, the main point around which the gospel revolves, is that the kingdom of God (chapter 13 on " ... the kingdom of God is like ... ") is among us when we live the spirit of the Beatitudes (chapter 5) and not the way of the Pharisees (chapter 23). Scripture scholar Jack Dean Kingsbury, in his book *Matthew as Story* (Augsburg Fortress, 1998), identifies three phases in the Gospel of Matthew, each one identified by the phrase, "From that time on, Jesus began to preach ... " This phrase alerts the reader to a change in phase: the beginning from 1:1 to 4:16; the middle phase (the kingdom phase), 4:17 to 16:20; and the end phase, 16:21 to 28:20.

Matthew's gospel begins with a statement from Isaiah: "Emmanuel ... God is with us" (1:23). The gospel ends with a similar statement of God's continuing presence-after the resurrection the gospel writer brackets the entire story when he records Jesus' final words: "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (28:20b). Matthew's gospel invites us to hear and believe the word of God, beginning with the apostles and continuing down to us and to the end of time. We are to open ourselves to God's continuing presence - "Emmanuel ... God is with us ... always, to the close of the age." Jesus' "great commission" (28:19-20a) makes clear that we who hear and believe are invited to go out and share this marvelous Good News with "all nations."

Taken from *Living Liturgy 20011* - Liturgical Press

SPROUT

Our sprout has sprung---come see it in the church basement. Each leaf represents a child learning about his/her faith at home with a family member. We have reached our first 50 leaves, and earned the book *A is for Altar, B is for Bible,* by Judith Lang Main. For every 50 leaves on our sprout, we earn a new children's book for our church library.

OLBH Parish News

Thank you from the Thompsons

Thanksgiving is a time to recall all that we are thankful for in our lives and I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you, here at Our Lady of the Black Hills for all your cards, meals, sincerities, prayers and support for myself and my family while I battle breast cancer. I have successfully passed chemo therapy and am now onto radiation. I have had a few bumps in the road but they have been bearable with a loving and supporting community as you! Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts! Teresa and Phillip Thompson & Family

Donations for Christmas Flowers

The Art & Environment Committee is taking cash donations to buy trees, plants, flowers and decorations to beautify the church for Christmas. If you would like to make a donation, please note "Christmas Decorations" on the check or envelope and put it in the collection plate or drop it off in the office. Thank you for your help.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

OLBH KC's will have a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 5th, from 9:00 am till Noon. We will serve sausage, eggs, pancakes, syrup, apple sauce, juice and coffee. Free will donations will be accepted to benefit our seminarians.

Cornerstone Bake Sale

The Cornerstone Rescue Mission ministry will be having a bake sale after each Mass on December 4th and 5th. Funds raised from this bake sale will go to help fund the meals they serve, on the first Tuesday of every month, at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission in Rapid City. Please come and get some baked goods to help support this ministry. For more information, contact Estella Haakedahl at 721-9056.

KC's Spaghetti Dinner

The OLBH Knights of Columbus Council 7079 will be having a spaghetti feed on December 11 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Come join us for Spaghetti, French bread, salad and dessert - coffee, lemonade and water included. Free will offering.

Letting Go for Christmas

A day of reflection on forgiveness will be held on Saturday, December 11 from 9:00 – 3:00 at Our Lady of the Black Hills. This day of reflection is for anyone wanting to let go of sadness, anger, hurts and other negative obsessions as preparation for receiving more abundantly at Christmas. Registration fee of $35.00 includes lunch. Some scholarships are available. Preregistration required by December 3. Interdenominational. Contact Catholic Social Services at 605-348-6086, 800-727-2401 or email: css@rapidnet.com

Christmas Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is now up with tags. Please take a tag and consider this part of your Christmas treasure stewardship. All gifts should be returned no later than December 14th, with the **tags attached, but gifts unwrapped.** All gifts stay in the Piedmont, Black Hawk area. If you know of someone in our area who is in need of Christmas giving, please call Judy at 716-4647 or Dorothy at 787-4509.

Fair Trade Gifts for the Holiday Season

By purchasing fair trade products, consumers promote fair wages for impoverished workers in developing countries. The principles of fair trade align with Catholic values and enable Catholics to shop in a way that honors those values. A large selection of gift items is available through Catholic Relief Services' *Fair Trade program*, which also includes coffee, chocolate, specialty food items and handcrafts. The items were put together by 90 small producer groups and artisans in more than 40 countries throughout the world and are available at http://www.crsfairtrade.org/crafts/.

Resources for the Advent Season

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides resources for the Advent season, including suggestions for daily prayer, reading, reflection and action. Featured Advent devotions are the lighting of the Advent wreath, an Advent calendar with daily thoughts and activities, and Advent prayers to help prepare spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. A downloadable book includes a scripture quote and a reflection from Pope Benedict XVI for every day of Advent. Resources for the Advent season can be found on the home page of the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

2010 Advent Wreath Prayer Booklet, you can download and print it from our website: www.Gods-call.org on the EVENTS page.

From the Diocesan Social Justice Commission

"[Cardinal John Henry] Newman's life also teaches us that passion for the truth, intellectual honesty and genuine conversion are costly. The truth that sets us free cannot be kept to ourselves; it calls for testimony, it begs to be heard, and in the end its convincing power comes from itself and not from the human eloquence or arguments in which it may be couched. Not far from here, at Tyburn, great numbers of our brothers and sisters died for the faith; the witness of their fidelity to the end was ever more powerful than the inspired words that so many of them spoke before surrendering everything to the Lord. In our own time, the price to be paid for fidelity to the Gospel is no longer being hanged, drawn and quartered but it often involves being dismissed out of hand, ridiculed or parodied. And yet, the Church cannot withdraw from the task of proclaiming Christ and his Gospel as saving truth, the source of our ultimate happiness as individuals and as the foundation of a just and humane society."

Pope Benedict XVI, Prayer Vigil on the Eve of the Beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman, Sept. 18, 2010 www.vatican.va

For the Ride Home

~ By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; (Isaiah 2:4)
- I rejoiced because they said, "We will go up to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)
- it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed (Romans 13:11)
- if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake (Matthew 24:43)

Reflection

- How are you able to place more emphasis on what will last and less emphasis on what is of the moment, and will not last?
- How is your parish community central to your spiritual life and practices?
- What parish ministries could you join that would direct your energy to increasing your spiritual commitment?
- Will you take time now to prepare for what really matters?

The mass culture purveyed by the popular press and the electronic media is preponderantly based on the pursuit of pleasure, wealth and power. It is in many respects alien to Christian ideas and attitudes. … We readily recognize that we live in a world that is becoming increasingly estranged from Christian values. In order to remain a Christian one must take a resolute stand against many commonly accepted axioms of the world. To become true disciples we must undergo a demanding course of induction into the adult Christian community. We must continually equip ourselves to profess the full faith of the Church in an increasingly secularized society. We must develop a sense of solidarity, cemented by relationships with mature and exemplary Christians who represent Christ and his way of life.[1]

[1]Dulles, Avery Cardinal, *Models of the Church*, Doubleday; New York, 1987 – 2002, p. 210, 211.

News from Around the Diocese

Women of Faith

Come discuss 1 Samuel on Wednesday, December 1st, even if you have not attended before. (Try to read the section beforehand.) Watch a Jeff Cavin's "Bible Timeline" video and find out how Samual and Israels request for a king fit into salvation history. Join us in the Cathedral Lower Sacristy (down the church elevator and into the hall by the kitchen) Wednesday from 9:00 – 11:00 am

Catholic Daughters

Congratulations to the new members in Catholic Daughters since June: Angela Weber, Theresa Serie, and Kay Trucano. Also, please visit our table goodies at the Angel Bazaar Dec. 4 at the Cathedral!

27th Annual Angel Bazaar

The Cathedral Angel Bazaar will be on Saturday, December 4, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, in the Cathedral Hall.

Blue Army Masses

First Friday Mass will be held on December 3 at 5:30 pm in the chapel at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral. Mass will be followed by prayers and devotions. First Saturday Mass will be held on December 4 at 8:00 am in the chapel and will be followed by exposition and the rosary. For more information, contact Ellen Robertson at 718.9909.

Immaculate Conception Chapel Centennial Celebration

The Immaculate Conception Chapel will be celebrating its 100th birthday in July 2011. The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Council is looking for interested Catholics to join a committee to help plan for this centennial celebration! If you would like to share your talents and join the committee, please contact *Dave Henderson*, committee chairman @ 718-3775, *Kim Bradsky* @ 341-0777, kbradsky@mac.com or *Deacon Raul Daniel* @ 390-3333, rdaniel@rushmore.com.

Assistant Youth Director

Paid part-time (20 hours / week) assistant youth director position at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Assist with high school *Life Teen* religious education, confirmation, and other youth-related activities. Active faith life required. Interested persons can contact Jenny at 342-3336 or jenny@blessedsacramentchurch.org The application deadline is November 30, 2010.

Part Time Maintenance

Catholic Social Services has an immediate opening for a part-time Maintenance Person. Duties include: building maintenance, light repairs, lawn care, painting, snow removal on Agency sidewalks, servicing auto fleet, etc. Salary DOE. Competitive benefit package. Send resume to: Catholic Social Services, 918 Fifth Street, Rapid City, SD 57701 or email to css@rapidnet.com by December 15, 2010.

Married Sweethearts

Mark your calendars! Married Sweethearts Mass & Dinner-Dance, Saturday, February 12, 2011! Join us for this year's event, "Celebrating 25th Anniversary of Married Sweethearts". Mass will be held at 5:30 pm at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral. The dinner-dance will be held at the Ramkota in Rapid City following Mass. Registration is required! Registration fee: $55/couple. **Registration deadline: Friday, February 4, 2011!** No late registrations will be accepted after the deadline! For more information, please call Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541 or e-mail at kcordes@diorc.org.

Update from Father Steve Biegler, Diocesan Administrator

Faith in Action: Projects Update

November 16, 2010

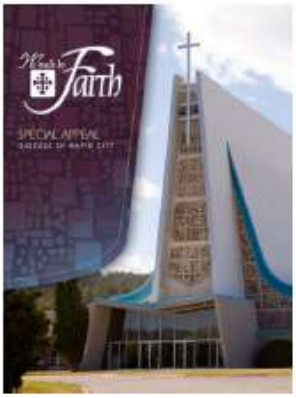
We Walk by Faith Special Appeal

The special appeal has been a tremendous success, especially considering the uncertain economic times. The diocese and Catholic school system have received five year pledges totaling $12,383,554 or 99.1% of the $12.5 million goal. In addition, donors have made long term bequests (estate gifts) of $2,060,735 which will be received in the next 5-25 years.

The response from across the diocese has been a remarkable expression of faith.

A heartfelt thanks to all of our donors and to the many volunteers who selflessly donated time for soliciting or hosting events.

As a result of the success of the special appeal, the *Terra Sancta* renovations and campus ministry plans are moving forward.



SDSM&T Newman Center, Rapid City

Funds from the *WWBF Special Appeal* will provide $1.25 million. Lots were purchased in June 2010. The property is one block from Surbeck Center on Kansas City Street. The plan includes building a facility, developing parking to meet city requirements, and establishing a $500,000 endowment for operational costs. A $1.85 million capital campaign to alumni outside of the diocese is in process; thus far, pledges of $956,400 have been received. Cathedral Parish leadership hopes that these efforts will provide support for the construction of a Newman Center within the next few years.

BHSU Newman Center, Spearfish

Donations to the *WWBF Special Appeal* will provide $1.25 million. St. Joseph Parish purchased two lots for a new Newman Center in September 2010. When adequate pledges are received, they will purchase two more lots. A capital campaign to alumni outside of the diocese will be conducted in the future. Subsequently, plans for construction will be developed.

Special points of interest:

- WWBF pledges to date: nearly $12.4 million
- SDSMT Newman Center lots purchased
- BHSU Newman Center plans for capital campaign
- Renovations in progress at *Terra Sancta*
- Ongoing financial plans
- Tours of *Terra Sancta* during construction ~ by reservation only

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Terra Sancta Renovations, Rapid City

Renovations are proceeding for the **Spiritual Life Center** and **Catholic Elementary School**. In addition to the $10 million projected costs for this project, some additional requirements have increased the construction costs.

Additional costs:

- Replacement of the roof due to age and damage. This repair will include new insulation, providing energy savings.
- Window openings will be reduced by 50% for improved energy efficiency. This will require additional exterior insulation (EIFS), also known as synthetic stucco.
- Essential upgrading of the kitchen to ensure the proper operation of the school and retreat center.
- The Conditional Use Permit from the city required additional civil engineering designs for drainage, street access, utilities, and the construction of turn lanes at the intersection of Sturgis Road and St. Martin Drive.

Curious about what is going on at *Terra Sancta*?

Updates on the project and photos of work in progress are online at:

www.terrasancta.org

Financial Planning

Finance committees of the school and diocese are putting plans in place to find sources of funds to meet additional costs and cover operations. The school and the diocese are working together to pursue grants. We are also seeking additional pledges from prospective donors.

Timeline for *Terra Sancta*

Savings were realized by extending the construction timeline. This reduced the general construction bid by eliminating overtime costs based on a tighter schedule. Consequently the school will be moving into the new facility in 2012, allowing for a well-planned transition. The later entry date provides the school system with ample time during the summer of 2012 to modify the current Seton facility for its transformation into a middle school.

- Completion date for all construction: **November 30, 2011**
- Spiritual Life Center Opening: (estimated) **January or February 2012**
- Move-in at the Elementary School: **May 2012**
- Elementary School Opening: **August 2012**

Tours

Fr. Steve Biegler will lead monthly tours of the *Terra Sancta* construction project. These will be limited to 15 people. Call Teresa Spiess at the chancery (343-3541) to reserve a place on one of the dates listed below. Please make your reservation no later than the Wednesday prior (e.g., by Wednesday, Nov. 24 for the tour on Saturday, Nov. 27). Tours meet at the chapel entrance at 1:00 p.m.

- November 27, 2010
- December 18, 2010
- January 29, 2011
- February 26, 2011

By Reservation Only

Conceptual Drawing: Spiritual Life Center

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This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

November 29 – December 5, 2010

Monday, November 29

Readings: *Isaiah 4:2-6; Psalms 122:1-9; Matthew 8:5-11 (violet)*

10:00 am: Funeral Mass for Lloyd Short

Mass Intention: For the repose of Lloyd Short

4:30 pm: Lectio Group

Tuesday, November 30

Feast of St. Andrew, apostle

Readings: *Romans 10:9-18; Psalms 19:8-11; Matthew 4:18-22 (red)*

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: For the healing of Mike Beck

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 1

Readings: *Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalms 23:1-6; Matthew 15:29-37 (violet)*

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse & Masses for Life.

8:30 am – 5:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration

4:30 – 5:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

10:00 am: Staff Holy Hour

Thursday, December 2

Readings: *Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (violet)*

7:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: For Nicole Griffith

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

6:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Potluck

7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Business & General Meeting

Friday, December 3

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, priest

Readings: *Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31 (white)*

Saturday Morning, December 4

Readings: *Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalms 147:1-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8 (violet)*

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: *Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12 (violet)*

5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy

Mass Intention: For the Repose of Lorraine DeVille

6:00 pm: Cookie / Candy Sale for the Cornerstone Mission Ministry

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: *Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12 (violet)*

9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy

Mass Intention: For Bishop Cupich and the Diocese of Spokane, WA

10:00 am: Cookie / Candy Sale for the Cornerstone Mission Ministry

10:00 am: Knights of Columbus Breakfast

4:00 pm: Life Night

6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy

Mass Intention: For Our OLBH Community

7:00 pm: Cookie / Candy Sale for the Cornerstone Mission Ministry

7:15 pm: RCIA

Question of the Week

God's kingdom is at hand - it is here.

Name the one thing in your life which you must "move out of the way" in order to make more room for Christ – a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

December 4th & 5th, 2010

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Irene Daschel		
Altar Servers	Jessica Schacher* Kimberly Schacher Jerrod Deaver	Armando Montes* Marisa Montes Ariana Montes	Joe Schulte* Adam Jerzak Morgan Sears
Precious Body **Precious Blood**	**Joe Deaver** Cathy Wang John Wang Bernadette Usera John Usera	**Jean Schubauer** Marty Quinn Donna Boner Judy Nelson Judy Wilson	**Sharon Long** Joni Osnes Kevin Rohrbach Teresa Thompson Phillip Thompson
Lectors	Steve Colgan Sue Colgan	Pauline Stoffel Pat Suiter	Thomas Jerzak Michelle Bucholz
Sacristans	Charlie & Patty Cresalia	Brenda & Marc Jacobs	Blauvelt Family
Ushers	Reggie Hunt Jayme Hunt	Duane Schubauer Frank Boner	Tom Van Asma Family
Choir	OLBH Family Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant Band

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

John Bessette (Judy Wilson's brother-in-law)
Patty Heumiller (Mary Wranek's sister)
Alice Nelson (Terry Nelson's mother)
& **Wayne Swier** (Toni Mastal's son)

Repose of the Soul

Andrew Kramer (Jerome & Beverly Kramer's grandson)
Tom Linde
Lloyd Short

The Collection Basket

November 20th & 21st, 2010

Loose	$ 2320.00
Envelopes	1611.00
Votive	12.50
Student	62.99
World Youth Day	1194.40
Adopt a Seminarian	55.00
Other	475.00
Total	$ 5730.89